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CIA spied on Dr. King

WASHINGTON — The Central Intelligence Agency spied on Dr. Martin Luther King in the 1960s through informants, gathered records of King's telephone calls and photocopied some of his credit-card receipts and messages scrawled on business cards, according to documents in a federal lawsuit. The documents, disclosed and obtain by the Los Angeles Times, contain discussions of how allegedly derogatory information about King could be used to discredit him as a civil rights leader. One CIA informant suggested that King be "removed" as a black leader.